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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): A portable communication apparatus comprising:

a man-machine interface having a display;

a controller;

an operating system;

a local storage device for storing a first application, wherein the man-machine interface is adapted to provide interaction between a user of the portable communication apparatus and the first application when executed by the controller and the operating system;

a wireless interface for connecting the portable communication apparatus to a remote device, wherein the man-machine interface is also adapted to provide interaction between the user and a second application originating from the remote device; and

a secure resource which is only accessible from the operating system, wherein only the operating system is adapted to provide a security indicator through the man-machine interface at a dedicated sub-portion of the display only accessible to the operating system, the security indicator representing a secure connection between the secure resource and one of the first and second applications currently using the man-machine interface.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the security indicator indicates one of a type, origin, and certificate of one of the first and second applications currently using the man-machine interface.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the security indicator is presented on a display of the portable communication apparatus.

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Claim 21 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the security indicator comprises at least one predetermined icon.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the security indicator comprises a predetermined text message.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the predetermined text message has one of a font, size, and color different from other text messages presented on the display.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the security indicator indicates whether one of the first and second applications currently using the man-machine interface is executed locally in the portable communication apparatus or is executed externally to the portable communication apparatus.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the security indicator indicates whether one of the first and second applications currently using the man-machine interface was originally stored in the local storage device when the portable communication apparatus was manufactured or originates from the remote device.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The apparatus according of claim 18, wherein the security indicator comprises an indication of a type of a connection between the portable communication apparatus and the remote device.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the connection is a short-range supplementary data connection.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the security indicator comprises an audible signal through the man-machine interface.

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Claim 29 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the security indicator comprises a tactile signal through the man-machine interface.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the apparatus is capable of mobile telecommunication.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the security indicator comprises an indication of whether there is currently a link between the portable communication apparatus and a remote device.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the security indicator comprises an indication of a physical link quality of the secure connection.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the security indicator comprises an indication that a transaction over the secure connection cannot be interrupted, manipulated, or interpreted by an application other than the one of the first and second applications currently using the man-machine interface.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A method of operating a man-machine interface having a display of a portable communication apparatus of the type having an operating system capable of executing a plurality of applications through the man-machine interface, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a security indicating feature in the man-machine interface at a dedicated sub-portion of the display only accessible to the operating system;

providing an operating system call for invoking the security indicating feature from at least one of the plurality of applications;

providing information regarding a security of one of the plurality of applications currently using the man-machine interface, upon reception of the operating system call from the one of the plurality of applications; and

including the information in the security indicating feature.